IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION DOCKET No.: PF 49248 CONFIRMATION No.: OF: STADLER ET AL. 7928 SERIAL No. 09/762,044 GROUP ART UNIT: 1616 FILED: FEBRUARY 01, 2001 EXAMINER: NEIL S. LEVY SOIL APPLIED GRANULES WITH CONTROLLED RELEASE OF ACTIVE IN-For:

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of July 20, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

It further is respectfully requested that a two month extension of time be granted in this case. The respective \$450.00 fee is paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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¹⁾ Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 7 and 8 of this paper.